(Rs. in crore)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
PDS Kerosene	1146.67	1057.22	969.67
Domestic LPG	1783.64	1604.77	1554.08
TOTAL:	2930.31	2661.99	2523.75

Additionally, the Government has issued oil bonds worth Rs. 11,500 crore to OMCs for the year 2005-06 as partial compensation in respect of losses/under-recoveries suffered by them in selling PDS kerosene and Domestic LPG. During the financial year 2006-07, the Government issued oil bonds worth Rs.24,121 crore as partial compensation in respect of losses/under-recoveries suffered by OMCs in selling sensitive petroleum products, which included PDS kerosene and Domestic LPG.

LPG connection in Jharkhand

4400. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of LPG connections in Jharkhand;

(b) the number of connections given to tribals in Jharkhand;

(c) the details of the number of LPG, petroleum, kerosene connections given in Jharkhand; and

(d) by when all people in Jharkhand, and particularly the tribals will get the gas connections on demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) As on 1.4.2007, Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have provided 10,26,148 LPG connections in Jharkhand.

(b) OMCs have reported that they do not maintain data on tribal families in the country including Jharkhand who have LPG connections.

(c) OMCs have their own distribution network for various petroleum products. As on 1.4.2007, OMCs were operating 140 LPG distributorships, 618

Retail Outlets (ROs) and 86 kerosene wholesale dealers in the State of Jharkhand. Except Public Distribution System (PDS) kerosene, there is no quota of petroleum products for States/Union Territories (UTs). PDS kerosene is an allocated product. Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas makes quarterly allocation of PDS kerosene to States/UTs for further distribution under the PDS network. The quantity of PDS kerosene for distribution per card holder is decided by concerned State Government/ UT.

(d) At present, new LPG connectins are available across the counter for genuine domestic customers and there is no overall waiting list for release of new connections in the State of Jharkhand.

Kerosene quota for A.P.

4401. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the fact that despite increased Central allocation of PDS kerosene to 55,356 KL per month, there is still a shortage of about 17,000 KL of kerosene per month in Andhra Pradesh (A.P.) as the number of BPL cards in the State has gone up considerably;

(b) if so, whether the Central Government has agreed to increase the present kerosene quota for A.P. by 17,000 KL p.m.;

(c) if so, by when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) to (d) Government of India allocates kerosene to the States/Union Territories (UTs) for distribution under the Public Distribution System (PDS) on historical basis for the purpose of cooking and illumination only. In accordance with the policy adopted by the Government of India in 2000, kerosene (SKO) allocation for distribution under the Public Distribution System (PDS) was reduced every year beginning 2001-02 till 2003-04, taking into account the number of LPG connections released in each State/Union Territory. While the initial allotment for 2004-05 was based on the criteria adopted hitherto,